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Issue: Injection Induced Seismicity

Message

- Recent earthquakes in several states, including Texas and more prevalently Oklahoma, are suspected or acknowledged by many to be caused by oil and gas related disposal wells.

- With the participation of several States, EPA led the development of a report on managing and minimizing injection induced seismicity.

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Background/Status: The EPA/State report on managing and minimizing injection induced seismicity was released in February of this year and provides practical approaches for use by injection well regulators to address suspected injection-induced earthquakes. The report is largely based on lessons learned by state agencies that have experienced injection related earthquakes. Region 6 continues to provide technical support, primarily to Oklahoma, related to managing injection induced seismicity.